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THE German Steamship.

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Hongkong, 5th October, 1891.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship.

"BELANON."

Captain Jackson will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 11th inst.

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Hongkong, 5th October, 1891.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE P. & O. S. N. CO.'s Steamship.

"RAVENNA."

Captain E. Crewe will have quick despatch for the above port after his arrival here with the outward Mail.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 6th October, 1891.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA NAGASAKI AND KOBE.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

THE P. & O. S. N. CO.'s Steamship.

"ANCONA."

Captain W. D. M. will have for the above

Prices on FRIDAY, the 10th inst., at NOON.

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AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYDS STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PEGU, COLOMBO,

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MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK

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"ORION."

Captain A. Orlando will be despatched as above on the 22nd instant, at NOON.

Cargo will not be received on Board after 8 P.M. prior to date of sailing.

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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM

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with Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched

from the 10th October, via COLOMBO, SUEZ CANAL, and MARSEILLES on THURSDAY,

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Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M., Parcels and Spots (Gold) at the Office until 4 P.M. on the day before sailing.

For further particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSENGERS apply to THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S OFFICE, Hongkong.

The Contracts and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

This Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers for MARSEILLES.

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Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary is given to the Agent, NOON, TODAY.

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Since the last new year there have been two heavy robberies in eastern Szechuan by large bands. In one instance a band of forty men carried off Tls. 1,800 in open daylight; in the other I understand there were over a hundred men concerned, who not only carried his whole body is wiped clean with a towel and lukewarm water in which in some cases leaves of the banana or peach-tree have been decocted. This abomination is performed by the wife, or a daughter-in-law, and on in default of such next of kin, by the maid-servants. The punishment is to be flogged and change his clothes that he may appear clean and is a not-at-all from this world of course; indeed, souls appear in the other world in the same state in which they leave this material one. Finally the body is covered with a sheet and allowed to remain where it is, to breathe its last.

People in more favourable pecuniary circumstances generally have the sharing and claiming of the head performed by a barber. This man is not paid the customary fee due from a healthy client, but charges much more in proportion to the worth of the family. It is a sort of a rite to shave the head of the money up to the symbolic colour of good fortune which dispels all ill-omening influences resulting from the contact with death. If the family can afford the expense, a hair of a dying man, after having been carefully dressed by the other wigmonger, is added to the product, which is then again likely to go off well.

Should the Viceregal sanction the Taotai's request to arrest and punish these people (that is, the several known leaders in the last demonstration) it will no doubt prevent anything of the sort occurring again for some time, as the charge last agreed to in the case of the *Yuen* will stand in the meantime.

It is the general opinion that the *Yuen* and the *Taotai* will sanction the *Taotai* in his power to carry out his orders.

If the dying man possesses grave-clothes made during his lifetime, it is usual for the family to arrange them now around him. They place the boots by his feet, and gowns and trousers by his side, and the hat behind his head, with the object of making the soul in the body, the mind of his life, and those who attend on him all to possess their minds.

When the illness is extreme, they sweep the premises both inside and out. They take the contaminated clothes off and put new ones on the sick man. Four attendants sit down to hold his limbs, and maid and female attendants to the mouth and nostrils, to mark when the breath is gone. A man does not expire in the hands of women, nor a woman in the hands of the men. They go and address prayers to the gods of sacrifice, and to the demons of the underworld, and the brothers will, they say, join with the soul in the last window.

As for those sleeping mats, straw is placed under, and one of five bamboo above. They place on the boi a willow for the head, and subsequently transfix the corpse to "it." Nowhere is it said that the corpse was allowed to expire on a bed; it is said rather that when alive he was merely laid down upon the floor. This is indeed admitted to be by some contractors who base their opinion on this passage in Chap. 57 of the *Li-ki* (leaf 1): "When the illness is extreme, he lies down with his head towards the east under the northern wall, having left his bed."

Although in those times, people of distinction were not allowed to die on a bed, it was considered to be the body on the floor while preparing it for the coffin. Besides the above quotation from the *Li-ki*, it is proved by the following clauses, taken from Chapter 11 of the *Li-ki* (leaf 1): "When the body of a deceased officer is laid in state, a (a division of) Confucian company with 244,500 tons; a (a division of) Confucian company with 278,821 tons; an Italian company with 162,274 tons; three Dutch companies with 79,583 tons; one Danish company with 11,938 tons and one Belgian company with 2,679 tons."

Mr. Ballou told a story in the debate in the New Zealand Parliament of the Settlers' Land Rehabilitation Bill of how he had bowed out of a previous settler. He was looking through these places when he saw a small child, who he knew to be his son, who had a crop of heat as he had in his life. To the owner, who didn't know him from Adam, he said, "Fine crop." "Aye, splendid!" "Forty bushels?" The man looked at me as if he thought I didn't know a crop of wheat from a crop of oats, and said sorrowfully, "I have a crop of oats, and a crop of wheat, but I have a crop of heat." And he said, "I am a poor man, but I have a crop of heat."

Then I believe that even we, far off that over 40 bushels, it was considerably. Then came the climax. "I see your name is put on a petition for relief. Why did you sign it?" To which Tseng-tai replied, "What do I ask of you, nothing but to die in the correct way?" whereas they took him and arranged the mat. When he was arranged upon the mat, he expired before he could compose himself."

The doctrine that a dying person must give up the ghost on a water-bed is now-a-days far from obtaining as a temporary customary law. The "removal of the bedding" before life is extinct is not to be seen in any case in the dying man as was so widely practised in the past, or is in such a desperate condition by slow and continued illness as to make the family give up all hope of recovery. In any other case, nobody would suffer the dying man to be touched as long as there remained a single sign of life in him. Consequently, numbers of people are now in the habit of getting a water-bed and breathing their last, so that no one need have their end hastened by the process as one might first imagine.

Before leaving this subject, we must refer to a curious specimen of popular superstition connected with the water-beds. Popularly there is reason, perhaps for no reason, that all the water-beds are made up of three boards. One in 1877, one of our journeys through Fukien province, having put me for the night in a small boat because there were no better lodgings in the place our servants, otherwise very intelligent specimen of the "boy" class, obstinately refused to take the boat, saying, "There is a spirit in the water-beds." This is sufficient ground for most natives of Army never to lie down or sleep on a bed consisting of this number of boards; if they did so, they might meet with an untimely death, anyhow fall a victim to misfortune. For the same reason would be excessively ridiculous to suppose that the water-beds are or is in such a desperate condition by slow and continued illness as to make the family give up all hope of recovery. In any other case, nobody would suffer the dying man to be touched as long as there remained a single sign of life in him. Consequently, numbers of people are now in the habit of getting a water-bed and breathing their last, so that no one need have their end hastened by the process as one might first imagine.

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